

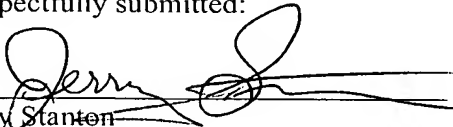
**Remarks/Arguments:**

Claims 19-23 and 26-40 are pending. The office action dated October 13, 2006 rejects all claims as obvious over Peters (US 5884284) in view of Strickland (US 5956024).

Claims 19 and 26 are independent, both of which are amended to add a capacity module/capacity requestor for determining whether there is capacity to provision a service. Support for this amendment may be seen at least at page 11 lines 19-25 and page 28 line 20 to page 29 line 2 of the specification as filed. Neither Peters nor Strickland is seen to teach, suggest or even recognize that a particular service may not be capable of being provisioned to a customer due to capacity constraints, so the amended claims are seen to be novel and non-obvious over the references. Since it previously recited a capacity requester in the alternative, dependent claim 22 is amended to replace the three previously-recited elements with "an Internet services system", support for which is also at page 28 line 20 to page 29 line 2. No new matter is added.

These claim amendments are seen to recite a patentable distinction over the references, alone or in combination with one another. The Applicants thank the Examiner for a thorough search, and now request that pending claims 19-23 and 26-40 be passed to issue. The undersigned representative welcomes the opportunity to resolve any matters that may remain via teleconference, at the Examiner's discretion.

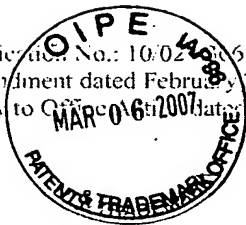
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